

Practical Conservation Days

March-May 2019



Joining Instructions:

- To book your place, please text the event leader at least the day before with your name.
- Arrive promptly – it is often difficult to find the work area.
- Wear suitable outdoor clothing (old trousers, long sleeve top) and stout footwear or wellies.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Those aged 16 – 18 must have formal consent (form at surreywildlifetrust.org/volunteering)
- Take plenty to drink and a packed lunch.
- Insurance cover is provided by Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- No dogs allowed unless permission is given by the leader.

Contact details

To be added to the weekly update email (county-wide) or to register as a volunteer, contact the SWT Volunteering Team:

Online: surreywildlifetrust.org/volunteering

Email: volunteers@surreywt.org.uk

Call: 01483 795464

Information correct at time of publication. Conservation days might change due to unforeseen circumstances. For amendments and additional entries, visit surreywildlifetrust.org/whatson.

Conservation day information:

Listed postcodes are an approximate location only. Many reserves are isolated and some have limited or no parking.

Weekday conservation days run from 10am – 3pm approx.

For most days, volunteers must make their own way to site.

On Wednesdays, volunteers in the East of Surrey, meet at the Bothy car park (**NORBURY PARK** – RH5 6DN, TQ 170 540) at 9.15am for a lift by minibus or make their own way to site for 10am (entries shaded if transport available).

Weekend conservation days run from 10am – 3pm (or 4pm if stated). Volunteers need to make their own way to site.

MARCH

3	SUN	CHITTY'S COMMON – General site maintenance. Pauline Searle, 01483 825424. Noticeboard at Rydes Hill Road at 10am. Those arriving by car please park at the Keens Lane end of the common and follow the footpath south to the meeting point. Grid ref: SU 978 523. Nearest postcode: GU3 3HL
4	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Clearing fence-line to enable conservation grazing in wood pasture compartment. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
		PRIEST HILL – Site maintenance. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
5	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Erecting enclosure fencing to protect coppice stools from deer browsing. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. St Marys Church car park. Grid ref: TQ 088 526. Nearest postcode: KT24 6AP
6	WED	BONHURST FARM – Helping our conservation grazing team with infrastructure improvements on the farm. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Entrance near Birtley House. Grid ref: TQ 012 428. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA
		BAROSSA (Dry Training Area) – Tidying up the fire sites from the winter works. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Military barrier at end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
7	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Path clearance to improve access onsite. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Meeting location TBC

10	SUN	NEWDIGATE – Site maintenance. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN
		DAWCOMBE – Remove small scrub using Tree Poppers. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Pebble Close – In car park for Aslotel House. Grid ref: TQ 212 530. Nearest postcode: KT20 7PA
11	MON	ELSTEAD COMMON – Tidying up the site and reviewing completed work at the end of the winter scrub clearance season. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Moat car park. Grid ref: SU 898 414. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LW
12	TUES	BONHURST FARM – Helping our conservation grazing team with infrastructure improvements on the farm. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Entrance near Birtley House. Grid ref: TQ 012 428. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA
13	WED	HACKHURST – Refreshing areas of bare ground creation to increase the biodiversity of the calcareous grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. The Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BAROSSA (Dry Training Area) – Tidying up the fire sites from the winter works. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Military barrier at end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
14	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Litter pick and checking rights of way. Ross Packman, 07968 832507. Meeting location TBC
15	FRI	TILLBURSTOW HILL – Clearing rights of way and replacing infrastructure. 9.30am – 2.30pm. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT

18	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Preparing butterfly transect to enable surveying and monitoring over the summer. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
19	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Hazel layering to increase density of coppice stools.. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. St Marys Church car park. Grid ref: TQ 088 526. Nearest postcode: KT24 6AP
20	WED	BONHURST FARM – Helping our conservation grazing team with infrastructure improvements on the farm. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Entrance near Birtley House. Grid ref: TQ 012 428. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA
21	THURS	OCKHAM COMMON – Litter pick. Pippa Nelson, 07967 325298. Boldermere car park. Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR
24	SUN	FRASER DOWN – Remove small scrub using Tree Poppers. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Pebble Close – In car park for Aslotel House, Grid ref: TQ 212 530. Nearest postcode: KT20 7PA
25	MON	CHITTY'S COMMON – Improving infrastructure to improve access onsite. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Car park at Keens Lane end of the common. Grid ref: SU 978 523. Nearest postcode: GU3 3HL
26	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Checking fencing and erecting grazing compartment fence-line to enable conservation grazing on the wet grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham Top car park for collection by minibus. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
27	WED	NORBURY PARK – Hazel layering to increase density of coppice stools. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. 9.45am, The Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN POORS ALLOTMENT – Livestock infrastructure maintenance and clearance. At the end of Bracknell Road. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Grid ref: SU 889 631. Nearest postcode: GU15 4BE
28	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Checking fencing and infrastructure to enable conservation grazing on the wet grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG

APRIL

1	MON	BONHURST FARM – Helping our conservation grazing team with infrastructure improvements on the farm. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Entrance near Birtley House. Grid ref: TQ 012 428. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA PRIEST HILL – Site maintenance. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
2	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Erecting enclosure fencing to protect coppice stools from deer browsing. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. St Marys Church car park. Grid ref: TQ 088 526. Nearest postcode: KT24 6AP

3	WED	HACKHURST – Refreshing areas of bare ground creation to increase the biodiversity of the calcareous grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. The Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN BRENTMOOR HEATH (Folly Bog) – Livestock infrastructure maintenance and clearance. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Meet at the Grey spot grenade range entrance at the military barrier, just off Red Road (parking on site). Grid ref: SU 929 614. Nearest postcode: GU18 5XA
4	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Litter pick and checking rights of way. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Meeting location TBC
7	SUN	CHITTY'S COMMON – General site maintenance. Pauline Searle, 01483 825424. Noticeboard at Rydes Hill Road at 10am. Those arriving by car please park at the Keens Lane end of the common and follow the footpath south to the meeting point. Grid ref: SU 978 523. Nearest postcode: GU3 3HL
8	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Preparing grazing compartment infrastructure to enable conservation grazing in one of the acid grassland compartments. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
9	TUES	BONHURST FARM – Helping our conservation grazing team with infrastructure improvements on the farm. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Entrance near Birtley House. Grid ref: TQ 012 428. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA
10	WED	NORBURY PARK – Task TBC. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. 9.45am Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN BAROSSA RDA – Livestock infrastructure maintenance and dismantling an old fence line. PLEASE GIVE AT LEAST 2 DAYS NOTICE TO Ben Habgood 07891 850882 as access is restricted. Military barrier at end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
11	THURS	PAPERCOURT MEADOWS – Checking fencing and infrastructure to enable conservation grazing on the wet grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Send business centre, Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 029 562 Nearest postcode: GU23 7EF
14	SUN	DAWCOMBE – Remove small scrub using Tree Poppers. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Pebble Close – In car park for Aslotel House, Grid ref: TQ 212 530. Nearest postcode: KT20 7PA
15	MON	BAGMOOR COMMON – Ensuring accessibility of rights of way and removing deer enclosures from coppice stools. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
16	TUES	VANN LAKE – Removing deer enclosure fencing from around established coppice stools. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Meet at the Inn on the Green and car share to site. Grid ref: TQ 147 401. Nearest postcode: RH5 5TD. Only room for 5/6 cars on Vann Lake Road. Grid ref: TQ 157 394. Nearest postcode: RH5 5NT

17	WED	BONHURST FARM – Helping our conservation grazing team with infrastructure improvements on the farm. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Entrance near Birtley House. Grid ref: TQ 012 428. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA
18	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Erecting grazing compartment fence-line to enable conservation grazing on the heathland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832504. Jubilee mount car park. Grid ref: SU 972 644 Nearest postcode: GU24 8TU
19	FRI	GRAEME HENDRY WOOD – Checking rights of way and self-guided trail and replacing infrastructure. 9.30am – 2.30pm. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
22	MON	BANK HOL
23	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Cutting rushes to improve condition of the wet grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham top car park for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
24	WED	QUARRY HANGERS – Ensuring accessibility of rights of way and removing tree guards from hedge saplings. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Lay by on Springbottom Lane. Grid ref: TQ 318 535. Nearest postcode: RH1 4QZ
		BAROSSA DTA – Mire restoration, ditch and dam maintenance. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Military barrier at end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
25	THURS	BISLEY COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing on the acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
28	SUN	FRASER DOWN – Remove small scrub using Tree Poppers. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Pebble Close – In car park for Aslotel House. Grid ref: TQ 212 530. Nearest postcode: KT20 7PA
29	MON	SITE TBC – Replacing infrastructure. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Meeting location TBC
30	TUES	VANN LAKE – Removing deer enclosure fencing from around established coppice stools. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Meet at the Inn on the Green and car share to site. Grid ref: TQ 147 401. Nearest postcode: RH5 5TD. Only room for 5/6 cars on Vann Lake Road. Grid ref: TQ 157 394. Nearest postcode: RH5 5NT

MAY

1	WED	STAFFHURST WOOD – Checking rights of way and self-guided trail and replacing infrastructure. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Grants Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: TN8 6QR
		BAROSSA DTA – Mire restoration, ditch and dam maintenance. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Military barrier at end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
2	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Stream bank restoration and pond creation. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG
6	MON	BANK HOL

7	TUES	BRITTENS POND – Repairing and replacing infrastructure. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Brittens Pond car park, Salt Box Road. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH.
8	WED	HOLMETHORPE LAGOON – Controlling invasives, removing tree guards and checking paths and rights of way. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Car park on Nutfield Road. Grid ref: TQ 295 517. Nearest postcode: RH1 2ND
9	THURS	WISLEY COMMON – Controlling Piri Piri weed to meet HLS invasives targets. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Old car park on the track to Pond Farm. Contact Jon for the padlock code. Grid ref: TQ 077 589. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS
12	SUN	NEWDIGATE – Site maintenance. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN
13	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Clearing grazing compartment fence-line to enable conservation grazing in one of the acid grassland compartments. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
		PRIEST HILL – Site maintenance. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
14	TUES	BROAD STREET COMMON – Path clearance to improve accessibility on site and around boundaries. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Site entrance at junction between Gravetts Lane and A323. Grid ref: SU 969 519. Nearest postcode: GU3 3JW
15	WED	HACKHURST – Refreshing areas of bare ground creation to increase the biodiversity of the calcareous grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BRENTMOOR HEATH – Invasive species removal and litter pick. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Gordon's School roundabout with the yellow height barrier. Grid ref: SU 941 613. Nearest postcode: GU24 9PZ
16	THURS	BISLEY COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing on the acid grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
17	FRI	BLINDLEY HEATH – Checking rights of way and improving infrastructure to enable conservation grazing on the heathland. 9.30am – 2.30pm. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
19	SUN	CHITTY'S COMMON – General site maintenance. Pauline Searle, 01483 825424. Noticeboard at Rydes Hill Road at 10am. Those arriving by car please park at the Keens Lane end of the common and follow the footpath south to the meeting point. Grid ref: SU 978 523. Nearest postcode: GU3 3HL
20	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Erecting grazing compartment fence-line to enable conservation grazing in one of the acid grassland compartments. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA

21	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Checking rights of way and improving infrastructure on site. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Jolly Farmer car park on Burdeshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN
22	WED	BONHURST FARM – Helping our conservation grazing team with infrastructure improvements on the farm. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Entrance near Birtley House. Grid ref: TQ 012 428. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA
23	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Erecting grazing compartment fence-line to enable conservation grazing on the heathland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Monument car park. Grid ref: SU 964 654. Nearest postcode: SL5 0HY
27	MON	BANK HOL
28	TUES	CHINTHURST HILL – Cutting back overgrown vegetation along rights of way to improve access on site and beginning bracken management. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park off B2128. Grid ref: TQ 015 464. Nearest postcode: GU5 0PR

29	WED	SHABDEN PARK – Cutting back overgrown vegetation along rights of way to improve access on site. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Recreation ground car park. Grid ref: TQ 278 568. Nearest postcode: CR5 3SB
		BRENTMOOR HEATH – Dismantling old fire sites and bare ground creation. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. Gordon's School roundabout with the yellow height barrier. Grid ref: SU 941 613. Nearest postcode: GU24 9PZ
30	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Stream bank restoration and pond creation. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG

The following regular conservation days also take place (please check with the event leader if there is space beforehand as these groups are often full booked).

NOWER WOOD

Every **Wednesday**, habitat management and maintenance of education reserve. 10am – 3.30pm. Car park on Mill Way, nearest postcode KT22 8QA. Roger Granby, 01372 379509 or email nowerwood@surreywt.org.uk